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SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated fresh steps on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons and Vayoshreshtha Samman, 2013 in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. This Ministry has been celebrating International Day of Older Persons on 1st October every year since 2005. On this day "Vayoshreshta Sammans" are conferred on eminent senior citizens and Institutions involved in rendering distinguished services for the cause of elderly persons, especially, indigent senior citizens. In 2013, these awards have been notified as "National awards for Senior Citizens" and are conferred under different categories.

The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have also been advised to celebrate the International Day of Older Persons by organizing functions, workshops, seminars, awareness campaigns etc, in a befitting manner with the active participation of the Voluntary and Non-Governmental Organizations working for the welfare of senior citizens.